

1. An apparatus for use during oral surgery comprising:  
  
    an absorbent pad; and  
  
    a string attached to said absorbent pad, said string being at least fourteen  
  
    (14) inches in length.
2. An apparatus as in claim 1 wherein said absorbent pad is non-woven,  
  
rayon/polyester formed gauze (8).
3. An apparatus as in claim 1 wherein said string is nylon.
4. An apparatus as in claim 3 further comprising a second string attached to said  
  
absorbent pad, said second string being at least fourteen (14) inches in length.
5. An apparatus as in claim 1 wherein said string is colored so as to contrast with a  
  
person's oral cavity and said person's bodily fluids.
6. An apparatus as in claim 1 wherein said apparatus is sterilized.

7. An apparatus for use during oral surgery comprising:
  - means for absorbing fluids commonly found during oral surgery; and
  - means for retrieving said means for absorbing fluids, attached to said means for absorbing fluids, and being at least fourteen (14) inches in length.
8. An apparatus as in claim 7 wherein said means for absorbing fluids is a non-woven, rayon/polyester formed gauze (8).
9. An apparatus as in claim 7 wherein said means for removing is at least one nylon string.
10. An apparatus as in claim 7 wherein said apparatus is sterilized.

11. A method for making an apparatus for use during oral surgery comprising:
  - providing a sheet of gauze being approximately four (4) inches high by four (4) inches wide;
  - performing a first fold of said sheet of gauze, said first fold resulting in said sheet of gauze being approximately two (2) inches high by four (4) inches wide;
  - performing a second fold of said sheet of gauze, said second fold resulting in said sheet of gauze being approximately two (2) inches high by two (2) inches wide;
  - providing nylon string; and
  - sewing said nylon string along a median of said sheet of gauze so as to leave at least fourteen (14) inches of string extending beyond said sheet of gauze.
12. The method of claim 11 further comprising:
  - using the technique of backstitching to ensure secure attachment of said nylon string during said sewing of said nylon string.